



Legislative *Short List* for 2004-05

Fund education at national median

1. Protect Proposition 98 funding
 - Prevent *erosion* of qualifying Proposition 98
 - Guarantee payment of *all* deferred funds – mandated cost deferrals
 - Prevent redefinition of qualifying Proposition 98 programs
2. Preserve local school boards decisions-making authority
 - Provide flexibility in allowing districts to contract with outside sources
 - Provide CSR (class size reduction) flexibility in staffing ratios
 - Block granting of categorical funds – provide increased flexibility in fund transfers
3. Exempt K-12 education from provisions of SB2/ Prop. 72 (if passed)
4. Continue to ensure that accountability systems are reliable and efficient; streamline assessment measures to increase instruction time
5. Maintain fiscal support for full equalization.
6. Ensure *all* federal special education funding is passed through to local special education programs.
7. Fund the total educational program – i.e. visual and performing arts, athletics, vocational/career education

The Five Star Education Coalition is a coalition of five school districts: Burbank, Glendale, La Canada, Pasadena, South Pasadena, representing more than 75,000 students. They meet monthly working in partnership with elected officials, business, and community leaders to endorse and improve educational programs for the students they serve.